

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD
BENEFITS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes for October 3, 2002

ITEM NUMBER: 2

ATTACHMENT(S): 1

ACTION: X

DATE OF MEETING: November 6, 2002

INFORMATION:

PRESENTER(S): Chairperson

Please see the attached minutes of the October 3, 2002, Benefits and Services Committee meeting.

**PROPOSED
MINUTES OF THE
BENEFITS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2002
BOARD ROOM
7667 FOLSOM BOULEVARD
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Russell, Chairperson

Gary Lynes

Jay Schenirer

Carolyn Widener

Louis Willhoit, representing the State Controller, Kathleen Connell

Duwayne Brooks, representing Superintendent of Public Instruction, Delaine Eastin

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Hiber, representing the State Treasurer, Phil Angelides

Annette Porini, representing State Director of Finance, Tim Gage

Paul G. Krasnow

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Ehnes, Chief Executive Officer

Michael Carter, DCEO, CB&S Branch

Christopher W. Waddell, Chief Counsel

Ronald E. Meador, Assistant Chief Counsel

Ed Derman, DCEO, EAPD Branch

Laurence P. Martin, DCEO, IFS Branch

Peggy Plett, DCEO, Administration Branch

Sandra Olivo, Chief, Survivor Benefits Division

Gail Chun-DeDuonni, Chief, Disability Services Division

Suzanne Connors, Assistant Chief, Disability Services Division

Jan Vine, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Loretta Toggenburger, UTLA- R

Beverly Carlson, CTA

Al Reyes, UTLA

Michael R. Green, CTA

Susan Goff, CRTA

Zoe Ann Murray, CRTA

Dorothy Moser, CTA, NEA- R

Lois Shive, CTA

Steve DePue, CTA

Bill Collins, CTA

Pat Geyes, CRTA

Dolores Sanchez, CFT

A quorum being present, Chairperson Russell called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2002**

MOTION duly made by Mr. Wilhoit, seconded by Mr. Lynes, and carried to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2002 meeting of the Benefits and Services Committee.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairperson Russell presented a proposed Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) decision for the Committee's consideration. Ms. Widener recommended that the Committee reconsider the decision to deny Michael P. Sveda's Request for an Option #2 Survivor Benefit Allowance.

MOTION duly made by Ms. Widener, seconded by Mr. Lynes, and carried to remove from the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with one opposition.

Staff, including Mr. Mealor, Ms. Olivo and Ms. Chun-DeDuonni were present to answer questions and discussion ensued. Mr. Mealor addressed the options available to the Committee if they disagreed with staff's recommendation. Ms. Widener inquired to what degree counseling automatically occurred when members apply for disability benefits. Ms. Widener requested that staff review and report back to the Committee how counseling will be provided in the future to disability applicants in the future and to what degree the Annual Statement or other written disclosure sources can be provided to members regarding future events they should be prepared for relative to making informed retirement related decisions.

MOTION duly made by Ms. Widener, seconded by Mr. Lynes, and carried to reject the ALJ's decision. There were no oppositions.

Options and discussion ensued.

MOTION duly made by Ms. Widener, seconded by Mr. Lynes, and carried to find in favor of respondent and to grant respondent the Option #2 Survivor Benefit Allowance subject to respondent's agreement to proceed absent a transcript or stipulated statement of facts.

IV. **2002/03 PROPOSED PRODUCTION OBJECTIVES**

Mr. Carter presented the 2002/03 Proposed Production Objectives. Mr. Schenirer requested that the objectives be modified to add "at minimum" where appropriate to motivate staff to pursue 100 percent goal attainment.

MOTION duly made by Ms. Widener, seconded by Mr. Schenirer, and carried to adopt the 2002/03 Proposed Production Objectives as amended.

- V. **2001/02 PRODUCTION OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
Item not heard.
- VI. **LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS**
Item not heard.
- VII. **DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE NEXT BENEFITS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**
None were added.
- VIII. **OPPORTUNITY FOR STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
There were no statements.
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business to conduct, Chairperson Russell adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

JACK EHNES, Chief Executive Officer
Secretary to the Teachers' Retirement Board

Karen Russell, Chairperson